

MINUTES
SOMERS RURAL FIRE DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 16, 2023

ATTENDEES: Dave Hayes, Rick Kinkel, Dan Vachal, Cardi Chmielewski, Chelsey Spence, and Beth Dotson

STAFF ATTENDEES: RT Kienas, Trevor

VISITORS: None

ABSENT: Tom Havens

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Dave Hayes.

Chelsey Spence motioned to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2023 Board Meeting. Dan Vachal seconded, and motion carried.

Rick Kinkel motioned to approve February 16, 2023 bills for 7202 in the amount of \$22,873.28. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

Cardi Chmielewski motioned to approve February 16, 2023 bills for 7265 in the amount of \$6,966.68. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

Dan Vachal made a motion to pay for the recertification of EMT refresher courses for fire district volunteers not on a medical service. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

None

OLD BUSINESS

Old Hall – Appraisal should be complete by Monday, February 20, 2023. Current renters would like to rent until end of February for \$150.00. Board approved.

Irrigation System – tabled till Spring.

Boiler Certification – Certification will be completed this month. Anticipated cost is \$100.00.

Copier – Bought HP printer. Looking at high output refillable cartridges at a cost of \$443.00

Road to Training Site – tabled till Spring.

Cameras - DCS provided a cost \$1176.11 to place cameras in the kitchen and community rooms. Rick Kinkel made a motion to have the cameras installed. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

False Alarm Letter Notification - A resolution will be drafted to address recurring false alarms at same locations. Draft resolution will be presented at the March Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Hall Use Fees - Due to increasing fees to supply and maintain Hall, a fee will be charged for Hall rental. Exception will be made for the Somers Water and Sewer District and children's groups (i.e., 4H, Girl Scouts).

FY22 Audit – Rick Kinkel made a motion to contract with Dave Davies to perform the FY22 audit. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

Email Vote – If a bill is due prior to monthly Board Meeting an email vote will be requested. Twenty four (24) hours will be provided for comments/questions before a motion and vote are requested. Formal voting will take place at the next scheduled Board meeting.

Meeting Date – To accommodate timing of bill due dates the regularly scheduled Board Meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of each month.

Structure/Car Fires - Montana has adopted a new policy that allows for billing insurance companies for structure/car fires.

Hand Towel Dispensers – Rick Kinkel made a motion to purchase four (4) automatic hand towel dispensing units at a cost of \$72.00 each. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

FIRE CHIEF'S UPDATE

Calls - 36 calls

Trailer has been placed outside and is chained to shed.

Service is starting on all trucks in March. Estimated cost is \$2700 per truck.

Rick Kinkel made a motion to purchase 10 wildland pants at a cost of \$330/pair. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

Rick Kinkel made a motion to purchase a second podium at a cost not to exceed \$150.00. Chelsey Spence seconded, and motion carried.

Dan Vachal made a motion to adjourn meeting at 7:42. Cardi Chmielewski seconded, and motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by

Beth Dotson
SRFD Secretary